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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF: 5HSM-TUB

MAY 3 1991

Mr. Bill Karpas c/o CID Landfill P. O. Box 1309 Calumet City, Illinois 60409

Dear Mr. Karpas:

As per a phone conversation of April 4, 1991 with Colleen Hart of my staff, I am writing this letter to authorize our contractor, Ecology & Environment, Inc., along with their contractor, Metropolitan Environmental to sign any paperwork on behalf of the U.S. EPA necessary to complete the removal and proper disposal of drums that were generated from a hydrogeological study at the Birch Road Site in Northwest Indiana.

The Birch Road study was in response to residential well contamination found during the Remedial Investigation (RI) at the MIDCO II site. The following materials to be disposed of, generated from the study, are: general refuse, subsurface soils and RCRA empty drums. These waste products were a result of the installation of the monitoring wells. Based on the sampling results of these RCRA empty drums, which formerly contained purged well and decontamination water, they are considered to be non-hazardous, and did not contain any P listed or TSCA regulated wastes. Sampling also demonstrated that the general refuse and subsurface soils are considered to be non-hazardous. Therefore. the U.S. EPA would allow the disposal of these materials into a Subtitle D landfill, such as the CID No.2 landfill.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call Colleen Hart, of my staff, at 312/886-3009.

Sincerely,

William D. Messenger, Chief

Pre-Remedial Unit

cc: C. Smith, E & E, Inc.

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